

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-29, 31-53, 56-60 and 81-86 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-29, 31-53, 57-60 and 81-83 have been allowed.

Claims 56 and 84-86 have been canceled without prejudice and new Claims 87-89 have been added by this Amendment.

II. Claims 56 and 84-86

Claims 56 and 84-86 have been rejected. In order to promptly move this application to allowance, Claims 56 and 84-86 have been canceled.

III. Claim 81

Claim 81 has been amended changing "data reader" to "data reading system." It is noted that data reader is a subset of data reading system. It is submitted that Claim 81 remains allowable.

IV. New Claims 87-89

New Claims 87-89 have been added by this Amendment. Other claims (four) having been canceled, the total number of claims

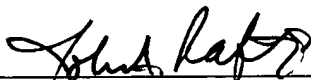
now pending is still reduced even with the addition of these three new claims. Claims 87-89 each depend upon Claim 81 (which as addressed above should be an allowable independent claim) and thus these dependent Claims 87-89 should also be allowable without undue examination.

V. Conclusion

Upon canceling Claims 56 and 84-86, all the rejected claims have been canceled. The amendment to Claim 81 being straightforward, and the only added claims being dependent claims, it is submitted that this amendment may be entered without requiring new search or undue examination. Thus it is submitted that Claims 1-29, 31-53, 56-60, 81-83 and 87-89 are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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